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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications:

Patent Application Serial No. 10/646,978 (Docket No. 18842) filed August 22, 2003, by Ann L. McCormack et al. for "Microporous Breathable Elastic Films, Methods of Making Same, and Limited Use or Disposable Product Applications."

Patent Application Serial No. 10/703,761 (Docket No. 18842.1) filed November 7, 2003, by Ann L. McCormack et al. for "Microporous Breathable Elastic Films, Methods of Making Same, and Limited Use or Disposable Product Applications."

Patent Application Serial No. 10/836,052 (Docket No. 17823) filed April 30, 2004, by Ann L. McCormack et al. for "Method and Apparatus for Making Extensible and Stretchable Laminates."

These applications are not listed on an accompanying PTO Form 1449, however, copies are provided herewith.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

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The Examiner is requested to review each document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein listed materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

Please charge any prosecutional fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I, Nathan P. Hendon, hereby certify that on Hugust 9, 2004 this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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